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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS BEST AND WOODWARD TO STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Gregory S. Best** of New Bern and **Philip Christopher Woodward** of Raleigh to the North Carolina Statewide Independent Living Council.

Best is a program manager for the N.C. Council on Developmental Disabilities. He has also worked for 10 years as a management analyst for the President's Committee on the Employment of People with Disabilities in Washington, D.C., and is a former member of the Baltimore City Mayor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities. Best received Bachelor's degrees in sociology and social work and Associate's degree in mental health from the University of Maryland in Baltimore County.

Woodward is a member and public information chair of the Raleigh Mayor's Committee for Persons with Disabilities and a volunteer with the N.C. Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. He received his Bachelor's degree in English from the College of William and Mary in Virginia and his law degree from the William and Mary School of Law.

The council serves in an advisory capacity on issues relating to services for persons with disabilities, especially independent living programs and services. The council jointly develops and submits, in conjunction with the state unit, a state plan. The council also monitors, reviews and evaluates the implementation of the state plan. There are 25 members on the board, each serving a three-year term. The governor appoints all members.

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